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**DAILY BRIEF
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1. North Vietnam

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4. Communist China

Mao's propaganda people now claim that "revolutionary rebels"--Mao's supporters--have seized political authority in a number of provincial capitals. There is probably a good measure of wishful thinking in this.

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The regime is beginning to tell its people that their country is now able to launch an earth satellite. This jibes generally with our estimates that Peking may be able to orbit a satellite weighing up to a few hundred pounds sometime this year.

6. Ecuador

The 25th anniversary of the Rio Protocol defining Ecuador's border with Peru will be observed on Sunday; the forecast is for violent demonstrations in Ecuador and the possibility of a border clash with Peru.

The presidents of the two countries are trying to head off an incident over the highly emotional border issue, but there is no guarantee that they can handle the marches and other commemorative gatherings planned on both sides. Because some of the wilder politicians in Quito hold the US responsible for the Protocol, our embassy there is also getting set for trouble.

7. Nicaragua

Managua is quiet today following some street shooting last night. The authorities continue their roundup of the opposition and there is also a drag-net out for all Communists. More outbreaks are likely, either in the capital or elsewhere.

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